

'Nice Guy' Bank Bandit Stingy With \$6,850 Loot

By STEVE McQUOWN
Staff Writer

BUCHANAN — A Niles taxi cab driver who unwittingly supplied the transportation for the man who police believe robbed the Inter-City bank branch here Monday said the bandit was a nice guy but didn't tip him after taking \$6,850 from the bank.

Marvin Smothermon, 58, said in a telephone interview yesterday that he drove the man to and from the scene of the 2:05 p.m. robbery.

Police and FBI agents later questioned Smothermon then

released him. An FBI spokesman said yesterday that police don't believe the cab driver was a knowing and willing participant in the robbery.

There have been no arrests in connection with the robbery. Smothermon said he picked up his fare in front of a Niles hotel Monday afternoon and took him to the bank.

The man went into the bank for a few minutes and returned to the car, the cab driver said.

He said he then took the man to the personnel office parking lot at Clark Equipment company.

The passenger, who police believe had the bank's \$6,850 in

his possession in a cloth bag, paid his fare of \$4.

"But he didn't tip me a bit," Smothermon said.

The cabbie said he had given the man precisely the same transportation the previous Thursday and Friday in what police have theorized was a rehearsal for the robbery.

During those three trips, Smothermon said, his passenger was "...as nice a person as could be."

"We talked about the weather," the cab driver said. He said his passenger also said he was using a cab because his own car was in the garage for repairs.

He said that on the day of the robbery the bandit appeared calm and no different from other days.

He said his passenger was wearing jeans, and perhaps a jacket and a yellow hard hat.

The bandit, as described by a bank teller, was a black man about 5 feet 10, in his mid 30s, weighed about 200 pounds and was wearing a yellow hard hat.

He said the whole experience has shaken him.

"It's made a nervous wreck out of me. I can hardly sleep at nights," said Smothermon who has driven a cab for 23 years.



POSTER CHILD: Scott Hafen, 5, March of Dimes National Poster Child from Las Vegas, Nev., visits vice president-designate Gerald R. Ford in his office Wednesday in Washington. Scott is touring the United States on behalf of the March of Dimes fight against birth defects. He is paralyzed from the waist down but learned to walk with braces and crutches by the time he was three. (AP Wirephoto)

Ford Offers Himself As A 'Communicator'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President-designate Gerald R. Ford offered himself today as "a ready conciliator and calm communicator" between a beleaguered Republican President and the Democratic-controlled Congress.

In testimony for the start of his confirmation hearings by the Senate Rules Committee,

the 60-year-old Michigan congressman said he had supplied complete personal and political financial records because of the great importance of the present inquiry.

"I believe you and the Congress and the American people must become fully satisfied that I am worthy of your trust and that I am fit to per-

form the duties of the vice presidency," Ford told senators prepared to question him about his handling of campaign contributions.

"I am not a saint, and I'm sure I have done things I might have done better or differently or not at all," the House GOP leader added. "I have also left undone things that I should have done."

"But I believe and hope that I have been honest with myself and with others, that I have been faithful to my friends and fair to my opponents, and that I have tried my best to make this great government work for the good of all Americans," Ford said.

His eight-page opening statement dealt with general philosophy and his view of the vice presidency, leaving it to the questioning by the nine Rules Committee members to go into financial and other questions raised in the FBI probe of Ford. Sen. Howard Cannon, D-Nev., the committee chairman, said Wednesday he had seen "things that will certainly raise questions" in the probe of the veteran Michigan congressman nominated by President Nixon to succeed the resigned Spiro T. Agnew.

Cannon also said without specific reference to Nixon's Watergate woes and the launching of House impeachment inquiry against the President that, in considering Ford for the government's No. 2 spot, "You have to assume we may be confirming a president."

Ford, in his opening statement, made no direct reference to the fact that confirmation would place him in line to succeed a president under strong attack. But he noted: "These are not ordinary times nor, I suppose, will the

times ever be ordinary when the 25th Amendment must be invoked."

He noted that voters who overwhelmingly re-elected President Nixon last November rendered another mandate by keeping Democrats in control of the House and Senate.

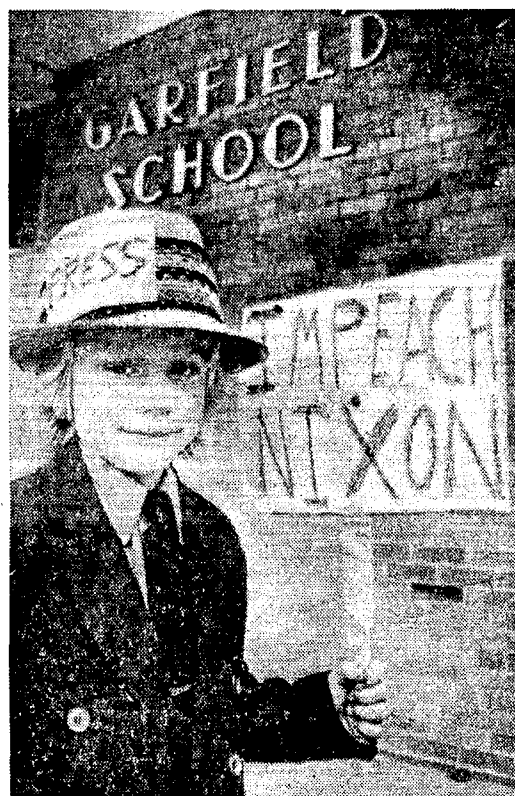
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Winning Numbers

CHARLOTTE, Mich. (AP) — The winning numbers in the Michigan State Lottery today are 716-560.

The second chance numbers are 343-396.

The millionaire semifinal elimination number is 137.



HIS BIAS SHOWING: President Nixon might agree that newsman Dennis Winters, 6, has his bias showing. It's okay for Dennis who is only posing as a newsman during Halloween festivities at his school in Bay City, Mich. When asked if he knew what the word impeach meant, Dennis replied "no more Nixon." (AP Wirephoto)

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Deer Veto Not Overridden; Gast Says 'Deals Made'

BY JAKE SHUBINSKI
Staff Writer

State Representative Harry Gast (R-Stevensville) charged today that "deals" were the death blow to a House vote

Wednesday that would have outlawed antlerless deer hunting in the eastern Upper Peninsula.

Gast was one of four area Republicans who voted for an

override of Gov. William Milliken's veto of a bill to outlaw antlerless deer hunting. Seventeen Republicans voted for the override, including Gast, Rep. Ray Mittan (R-Benton Harbor), Rep. Bela E. Kennedy (R-Bangor) and Rep. DeForrest Strang (R-Sturgis).

Gast said the vote for override by the four from this area was not to be considered a planned vote. "We did not talk to each other about the issue. We all just figured the override vote was what the people of this area wanted," Gast said.

The House failed by a full 10 votes to rebuff the governor and the Department of Natural Resources, a larger margin than most had predicted. Thus, the hunting of does and fawns in the eastern Upper Peninsula will be permitted.

The vote was 64-40, with 74 votes, or two-thirds, needed to override.

Gast told this newspaper in a telephone interview this morning, that "deals" brought about the defeat of the override.

"One must realize that the two week delay in the vote was for a purpose," said Gast. "And when you look at the voting records of the Democrats opposing the override, you realize again that deals were made. There were 11 Democrats voting against the override and the vote of seven or eight of those gentlemen are very hard to explain."

Supporters of the override say they will try again, but Mittan said another vote would probably meet with the same results.

"We were lobbied, pushed and shoved to back the governor, but I'm not about to vote for the DNR on this issue," said

Mittan. From remarks on the in the House Tuesday, it appeared that anti-DNR sentiment — which played a large part in the bill's original passage — still ran high. Supporters of the governor, however, indicated last week they felt it had cooled enough to sustain the veto.

In addition, Milliken's office mounted a strong lobbying effort aimed at preventing the override. Members of the Natural Resources Commission, which approved the DNR rules permitting such hunting, also reportedly contacted lawmakers in support of the governor.

Milliken, who thus avoided being the first governor in 22 years to have a veto overridden, praised the House action. "I commend the House for

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Nov. 15, last day to order personalized imprinted Xmas cards for early 15% discount. Huge selection. Badt's Pharmacy, Coloma, Adv.

YWCA Rummage Fri. 7:30 a.m. Adv.

Malleable Paychecks Are Good

All payroll checks issued by Benton Harbor Malleable Industries will be honored under an order of the federal bankruptcy court in Grand Rapids, Atty. Robert Small, company counsel, said today.

Small said reports had been received of some reluctance by area merchants to cash checks since learning that Malleable will discontinue its foundry operations.

Malleable announced that its foundry operations will end today and that 300 employees have been given termination notices. The die casting operation with 100 employees will be kept in operation. The company filed a petition in bankruptcy court Tuesday for an arrangement with its creditors.

Jack-O-Lantern Kills

GARDEN CITY, Mich. (AP) — An innocent jack-o-lantern may have been the cause of a house fire that claimed the lives of a young couple and their two children Wednesday, authorities said.

The victims were tentatively identified as Gary Mason and his wife, Maureen, both about 22, and their two daughters, Heather, 3, and Kimberly, 1.

Firemen theorized curtains were ignited by a lighted candle in a pumpkin and the blaze spread rapidly, trapping the family upstairs in the small bungalow.

Search Continuing For Two Kidnapers

BY ALAN AREND
Staff Writer

A 24-year-old south St. Joseph man was kidnaped early yesterday morning by two hitchhikers and forced to drive around Berrien county at gunpoint for nearly an hour and a half, before he finally escaped from his captors, Berrien sheriff's deputies reported.

A police search for the two hitchhikers Wednesday in a heavily wooded area on the north edge of Camp Madron property, northwest of Buchanan, turned up nothing.

The search is being continued today, as there is a possibility the two hitchhikers may have been two of three men that escaped from the Michigan City state prison Tuesday, according to Sheriff's Deputy Richard Hemminger of the Galien substation. Assistant Warden Charles Moore of the Indiana state prison, Michigan City, said this morning that three men, two whites and a black, escaped from the prison, Tuesday afternoon about 1:30. None have been captured as yet.

The harrowing experience for Jon Jonatzke of 3822 Southfield street, St. Joseph, a construction worker at the Cook nuclear power plant, Bridgman, began at 7:05 a.m. yesterday, when he picked up the two men hitchhiking about a half-mile from the power plant's entrance on Red Arrow highway. One of the hitchhikers was black and the other was white.

"As I approached the plant entrance, the black who was sitting in the front seat with me laid a .22 caliber revolver on his lap pointing at me and told me to keep driving," Jonatzke said. Jonatzke, married and the father of two small children, said he drove north on Red Arrow to the Stevensville exit by 1:94, and was then forced to drive south on I-94 back to New Buffalo, then east on US-12 to Three Oaks, then north to Sawyer, and east to Berrien Springs and on Burgoyne road to the north end of Madron lake, where the two told him to stop the car, and get out about 8:35

a.m. "By this time the white man in the back seat had the gun," Jonatzke said. "I was out of the car and as the man in the back seat started to push up the seat to get out, I slammed the door and ran like hell."

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HARROWING RIDE: Jon Jonatzke, 24, of St. Joseph, stands by car after describing his kidnaping yesterday by two hitchhikers he had picked up near Cook nuclear plant in Bridgman. Jonatzke said he was forced to drive men around county for about hour and a half at gunpoint before escaping near Buchanan. (Staff photo)

Tapes Take New Twist

The White House now says no tape recordings were made of two presidential conversations considered essential to the Watergate investigation and it will bring witnesses to court to prove it. For the complete story and Congressional reaction, see page 9.

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Editorial Page

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Presidency Could Stand A Little De-escalating

For all its sideshow atmosphere, Watergate can serve a purpose which has yet to cross the minds of those advocating the Ervin Committee be carried into perpetuity.

It is the question of how to reduce the Presidency's overweening role to more manageable proportions.

The men who convened at Philadelphia in 1787 drafted a Constitution which conceives of the executive and legislative branches as dual leaders in running the government and of the judiciary as a referee to mark the line between proper governmental action and bearing down unduly by the first two divisions upon the private citizen.

Throughout the republic's history this balance existed briefly and intermittently.

Generally speaking, the strong-willed John Marshall as the Supreme Court's Chief Justice caused the judicial branch to occupy a prevailing influence throughout the Constitutional partnership into the 1890s.

From then to the 19th century's close, Congress held the dominant position.

Starting with Teddy Roosevelt, the Presidency moved to the forefront. If its salliance is disputed in any degree today, it is through some activist rulings by the Supreme Court in recent years which run roughshod over Congressional prerogatives and responsibility to meet.

Coming in a poor third in this unwanted race for eminence is Congress.

Unnecessary as was Watergate's political childishness, the Presidency's upmanship was made to order for it.

Several distressing developments contribute to a White House dominance which is not in the country's best interests.

One is the substitution of the Presidential staff for the cabinet.

The Cabinet is present because the Constitution says it must be, but — starting with FDR 40 years ago and accelerating annually — he and his successors have appointed personal representatives to delve into all manner of problems which traditionally have been the Cabinet's function to perform.

Correct as it may be that some Presidential staffers have far outshone

certain secretaries in the cabinet, the system's weakness is that inevitably it elevates bureaucratic wrangling into pseudo statesmanship. Even worse, it establishes an insularity between the President and the public.

Staffers have little or no political clout in their own right when it comes to ballot box value. High calibre Cabinet people, restored to an almost forgotten power base, could work wonders in keeping a President in tune with what is in the average man's thinking.

The decline in the party system and the shift to ticket splitting gives the Presidency a stature which the original advocates of the open primary never dreamed of. In their zeal to cut down the political bosses it never occurred to them this would eliminate significant party leaders who in their own right could hold a President in line.

Congressional default to the White House, except upon rare occasions of which Watergate is the latest example, has been emphasized a number of times in this column. These comments can be summarized by saying that Congress has come to like a passive role, that making the most of its somewhat limited resources is personally painful to its members.

The public is the final and most productive watering source for an overgrown White House plant.

The idea that one person knows all the answers or that government should be the Ann Landers to every problem is ridiculous. Yet this is the syndrome which has decided every Presidential election since 1932.

The cure to bringing the Presidency back to high plane which the Founding Fathers so aptly thought of it is to reverse the developments mentioned above.

The other day Benton Harbor's new city manager told a local luncheon club that the city's difficulties are not physical defects but attitudinal negatives.

A change in thinking, he remarked, can do more than anything else to upgrade the community.

The Presidency and also the Congress and the judiciary require re-routing back to a track they left some years ago. In this instance the change in thinking is a return to values that are overlooked today.

Christmas Seal Campaign Will Begin Next Tuesday

More than 60 million American families and businesses will soon receive their 1973 Christmas Seals in the mail. The Christmas Seal campaign, which begins on Tuesday, Nov. 6, is a traditional reminder that the battle against tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases remains to be won. About 35 million men, women and children suffer from such respiratory ailments as TB, emphysema, chronic bronchitis, pneumonia and asthma. Social Security disability payments to chronic lung disease victims last year totalled \$400 million, according to the American Lung Association (formerly called the National Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association), which sponsors the annual campaign. This year's national honorary chairman is Johnny Bench, all-star catcher for the Cincinnati Reds, who last year underwent lung surgery for removal of a lesion caused by a rare fungus disease known as

valley fever.

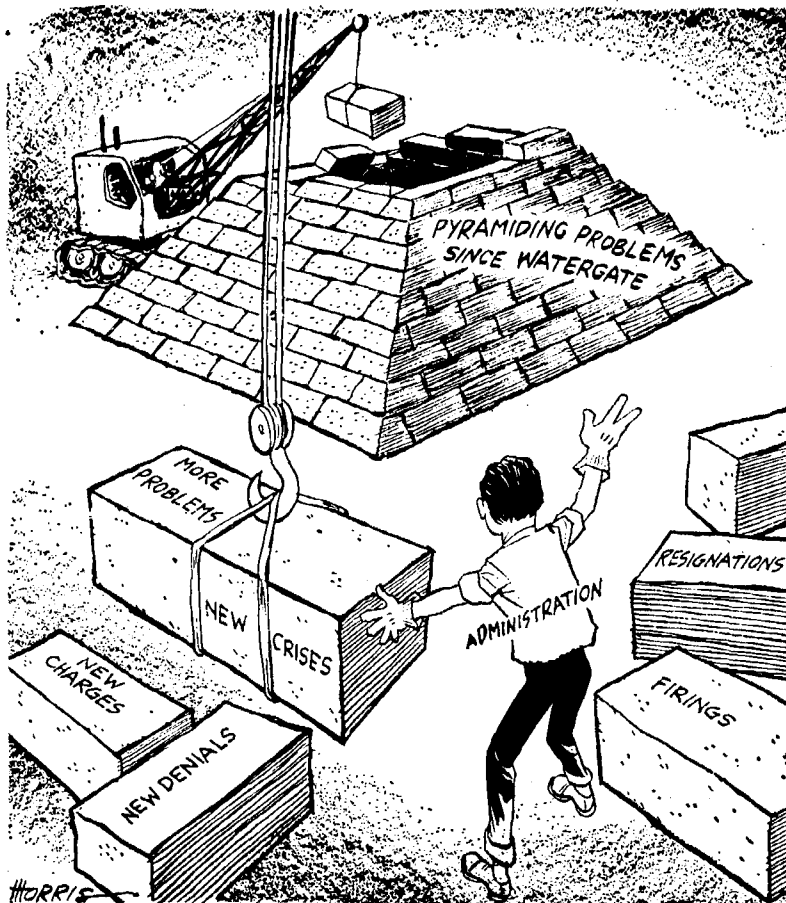
The Christmas Seal stamp was the idea of a Danish post office worker named Einar Holboell who, in 1904, sold them to raise money for a children's tuberculosis hospital. The idea was brought to the United States by Emil Bissell who, in 1907, was asked by the doctors at a small T hospital in Delaware to help raise \$300 needed to keep the institution open. Having read about the Danish experiment Miss Bissell decided to conduct a similar appeal in the United States.

The newspapers, the President, the Chief Justice of the United States, congressional leaders, prominent businessmen and churchmen spoke out in support of the Christmas Seal campaign, and urged people to buy as many one-cent stamps as they could afford. Around \$3,000 was raised in the few days before Christmas, 1907. For the next two years, the American Red Cross sponsored the national campaign. The National Tuberculosis Association joined the crusade in 1911 and took it over 10 years later.

Last year's Christmas Seal campaign raised a record \$38,000,557. The American Lung Association raised an additional \$4 million from other sources. About 93 per cent of the total amount was retained by state and community associations for various locally oriented programs, such as the mobile chest X-ray program. Unfortunately, to get its \$42 million, the American Lung Association had to spend \$10.5 million for fund-raising expenses — about 25 cents out of every dollar collected.

Of the major languages now current, Chinese has the most users, more than 780 million, the National Geographic Society says. English is next, with some 320 million.

Emulating The Ancient Tomb Builders?



GLANCING BACKWARDS

NO PEACE IN SURRENDER SAYS GOLDWATER

— 1 Year Ago —

U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater, D-Ariz., predicted in Berrien Springs yesterday that "if we surrender in Vietnam, I can draw a circle around the date our men will be marching off to war again."

Goldwater's comments were

made before an estimated 2,000 students and faculty at Andrews university, during a one-day campaign swing through Michigan on behalf of President Richard Nixon and fellow senator Robert Griffin.

LOCAL POLICE READY FOR HALLOWEEN

— 10 Years Ago —

Local police are alerted to

help make tonight's Halloween celebration a safe, harmless and fun time. While vandals will be picked up by police, chiefs of the St. Joseph, Benton Harbor and Benton township forces wished youngsters well on their begging and costuming.

St. Joseph's yearly Fraternal Order of Police party at St. Joseph high school is expected to provide lots of fun for young people. The Jeppers Combo, sponsored by the American Federation of Musicians, local 232, will provide dance music.

METHODISTS TO OPEN FAMILY NIGHT SERIES

— 29 Years Ago —

The first family night program of the fall will be held next Wednesday evening, at 6:45 p.m. in the Methodist church.

On the family night committee planning the programs this year are: Mrs. L.R. Kallinger, chairman, Walter Arend, C.E. Cushing, Mrs. Charles Pankey, Edward Taylor, and Mrs. D. Woodrow.

VISITING MARTELLES

— 39 Years Ago —

Howard Secor, formerly of St. Joseph, has been visiting the Harold Martelles of Benton Harbor. He is on leave from the U.S. Navy.

WHEELER LEAVES PRESS

— 49 Years Ago —

Durlin Wheeler, former city editor of The Herald-Press, has bought the Dunkirk Daily News in Dunkirk, Ind., and will take charge.

RESORT CLOSED

— 59 Years Ago —

The E.S. Fosters have closed the Grand View resort on the Lake Shore drive and returned to Chicago for the winter.

BID ON VIADUCT

— 83 Years Ago —

The St. Joseph township board is advertising for bids on the proposed viaduct at the foot of Wayne street.

Silas S. Legg, Jr.
Minister, East Main
Street Church of Christ

Crash Traps Four Baby Elephants

WELCH, La. (AP) — Four baby elephants trumpeted in fright and anger for an hour while they were trapped in a circus truck which swerved out of control and overturned.

Circus men first wiggled into the crumpled truck trailer through a hole in the truck's side to calm the animals after the accident on Wednesday, then firemen from nearby Jennings cut off the truck's top.

When the truck was open, circus men gripped the young elephants by their trunks and led the unhurt animals to safety. "The elephants were extremely nervous about the whole thing and they really welcomed those circus personnel," said Fire Chief Lasso Lawrence of the Jennings department.

BERRY'S WORLD



"Maybe Kissinger is going to try to do an Oakland As and go for back-to-back Nobel peace prizes!"

Ray Cromley

President Not

Pressure Proof



WASHINGTON (NEA) — Having released the Watergate tapes, President Nixon will be forced, in the end, to give up all other documents and tapes the courts from time to time may request in the future on matters seeming to involve the President and his staff with criminal activities.

Nixon may raise objections. There may be initial refusals and lengthy negotiations. But the courts and Congress will get their way.

The President's opponents have now learned for certain what they have suspected for some time — that Nixon succumbs, finally, to extreme pressure. He puts up a strong facade, but succumbs. The pressure will be mounted, therefore, whenever it is needed. This is a fact of politics.

Some time ago a friend who spends much of his time studying chief executives, past and present, noted that this sort of pressure would never have fazed President Truman. His opponents and his friends knew he could not be budged. They never were able to get Truman on the run despite evidence of heavy corruption among his close associates. Nixon is a different type. He cannot stand confrontations.

This is not to imply that every prosecutor or defendant in any court action involving some decisions made at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue will be able to secure a new opening of White House file cabinets. But the President's action in regard to the tapes does mean that Nixon will not be able to seal off any evidence of crime the Sirica

court believes to be connected with the President himself, with present or former members of his immediate staff or with others closely associated with the White House.

There is much concern in some quarters whether Assistant Attorney General Henry E. Peterson will conduct future investigations with the determination showed by Archibald Cox. This concern seems unfounded. As one attorney experienced in such matters told this writer "Judge Sirica has a sense of history," by which he meant the judge will not let up or allow the grand jury to let up.

Investigations of the type required to dig into the Watergate and associated matters take money — a lot of money. But the mood in Congress, among both Democrats and Republicans in both the House and Senate seems to insure that all the funds necessary to carry out these investigations to their ultimate conclusion will be voted.

It would seem to the reporter the creation of a special prosecutor responsible to the grand jury and to the court, independent of both a partisan Congress and partisan White House, is an essential. Though eminent legal authorities, for whom this writer has great respect, believe a new independent special prosecutor could be set up under the Department of Justice, it would seem that this system, tried in this instance with Cox, is inherently unwieldy. There is a conflict of interest and of authority that carries within it its own seeds of destruction.

Jeffrey Hart

Agnew A Blow

To Conservatism?

In a recent essay, the thoughtful JOURNALIST-HISTORIAN Theodore White delivered the obsequies of American conservatism — prematurely, I would say.

White argues that Spiro Agnew was perhaps the most powerful American conservative spokesman, and, therefore, "Almost as disastrously as Hoover's Depression hushed conservative voices for one generation, Agnew's felony may hush them for another."

There is no doubt that Agnew's disaster is a tactical embarrassment, but I would say that it is not much more than that.

True enough, the Depression of the 1930s did discredit the spokesmen for business, but American conservatism as it has emerged since World War II is a much profounder and more broadly based concept than anything dreamed of by Herbert Hoover or the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, estimable though both may be.

The key word, I think, is "order." And as the party,

above all, of order the conservatives respond naturally to a whole range of majority concerns.

At the deepest level, the problem of order is religious, and with this insight the conservatives are much more comfortable than their liberal opponents. At this deep level the search for order is a search for a meaning in and beyond the flux of experience. Historians of the future will surely see this metaphysical longing as one of the deep currents of the 20th century, whether one thinks of figures like T.S. Elliot, C.S. Lewis, Paul Tillich or W. H. Auden, or of the less erudite but no less genuine metaphysical longing that pervades much of American life.

It has not yet been widely noticed by the mass media, but a genuine religious revival is taking place on the campus these days. One devotional group at Dartmouth, for example, has enlisted more than 100 students, has bought a farm for retreat and meditation, and observes a genuinely Biblical Christianity.

More in the foreground of American life, however, is the desire for moral order, summed up most recently in terms of the "social issue" that played such a large role in burying George McGovern: a majority rejection of bohemianism, the counter-culture, radical chic, and other outrageous insults to traditional norms. Moral order is not a liberal strong suit.

Nor is there much doubt that the majority affirms that distinctive complex attitudes, both material and ideal, which goes by the name of the American Way.

On each of the above points, the fates of Agnew and even Nixon to the contrary notwithstanding, American conservatives begin with all but insuperable advantages over the liberals. They could blow such advantages, but with difficulty.

It is worth noting, too, that post-Depression liberal dominance was solidly based on interest-group politics, on the famous New Deal coalition. It would take more than Agnew to resurrect any such coalition, and indeed the conservatives and moderates have by far the better chance to put together a majority coalition in the 1970s.

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UNSIGHTLY PROPERTY VIOLATIONS DOWN 40%

BH Cleaner City Now Than A Year Ago

By RALPH LUTZ
Staff Writer

Benton Harbor Fire Chief Harold Gaddie said Wednesday that the city is far cleaner today than it was a year ago.

He said the fire department's sanitation inspection division in September recorded 176 unsightly properties—a decrease of nearly 40 per cent from the 260 violations detected in September, 1972.

Gaddie also said that the 73 written orders issued for unsightly properties in September, compared to 154 similar orders issued a year ago.

"There's no doubt about it, there are fewer violation now than last year," said Gaddie, in response to statistic in his monthly report for September.

The report was surprising, since City Manager Charles Morrison commented on the 73 written orders, indicating it was a crackdown. Morrison said violations are placed under the city's new anti-litter ordinance, which he called "an added tool."

Gaddie said yard clean up orders, violation tickets, issued for uncut grass or trash, now are filed under the anti-litter ordinance, enacted last May. Gaddie said last year, violations were under the housing ordinance, still in existence.

If there is no compliance with the written orders for a cleanup, a ticket for court appearance issued. The ticket can be issued either to a tenant or landlord depending on responsibility.

Housing and sanitation inspections made by fire department personnel drew opposition from the mayor's advisory council and several citizens, during a recent city commission session. A few

said stiff fines for violations would drive residents out of Benton Harbor. The mayor's group maintains that firemen should be strictly firefighters.

Gaddie did not enter the matter, but said from his standpoint, residents are cooperating far more with inspection notices. Gaddie said fines may well be a factor. Gaddie, however, believes the main reason is that residents are now accustomed to the "system" of daily inspections throughout the city.

In other areas of the sanitation unit, Gaddie's report lists 114 property violations corrected last September, compared to 74 in September, 1972. While written orders to comply were down, so were verbal warnings—48 last September, compared to 169 in September, 1972.

Inspectors who find an unsightly property first issue a verbal

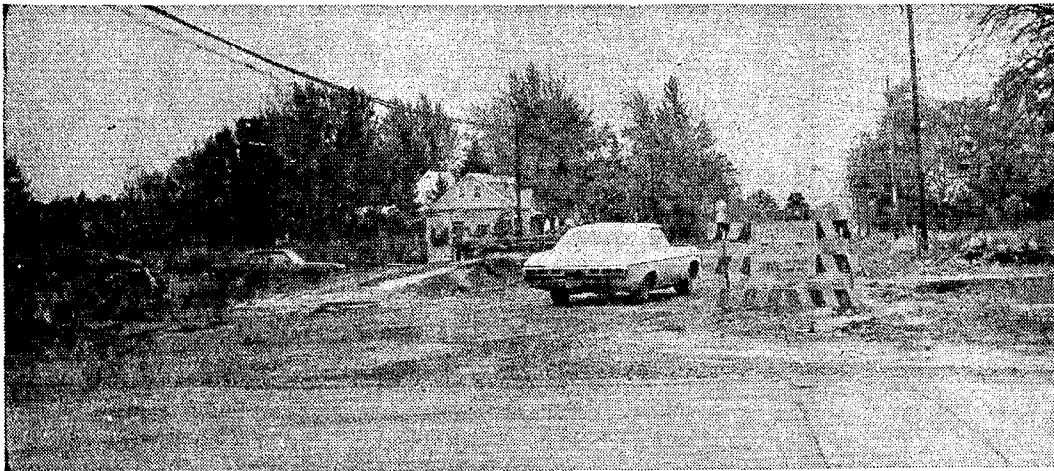
warning. A written order to comply follows, if the property is not cleaned up. After a set period of time, a violation ticket is issued.

The housing inspection unit in September visited 150 dwellings, issued 56 certificates, answered 44 complaints and made 79 rental inspections.

This unit in September, 1972, visited 156 dwellings, issued 83 certificates, answered 61 complaints and made 93 rental inspections.

The fire department in September answered 49 alarms, 12 more than received during September, 1972. Twelve of the alarms were for blazes in vehicles.

The department received 152 alarms in fiscal 1973-74, through September, compared to 140 over a similar period in 1972.



ROAD CLOSED: "Travel at your own risk" warns the sign at the corner of Hilltop road and Cleveland avenue in St. Joseph township. This shot was taken

from the north end of Cleveland, looking south across Hilltop (in foreground).



PAVED WITH MUD: Cleveland avenue is scheduled to get double-seal coat of asphalt by mid-November if good weather prevails, a spokesman for Berrien road commission said. But Cleveland is now only

mud or dirt — depending on whether it has rained or not. Photo looks north towards Hilltop road. (Staff photos)

Berrien Tells Plans For Mess On Cleveland Avenue

If the weatherman and Mother Nature cooperate, a two-mile section of Cleveland avenue in St. Joseph township may get a seal-coat of asphalt by mid-November, according to Heath Calvin, consulting engineer-manager for the Berrien county road commission.

Calvin said the road commission hopes to put the two coats of asphalt and stone-chips on as soon as possible, but they

are unable to do so until there is dry weather.

Calvin responded to questions from this newspaper after Ernest A. Winter, of 308 Winwood avenue, St. Joseph, wrote a letter to the editor criticizing the delay in resurfacing Cleveland.

Bids will be taken next spring, and the final resurfacing of Cleveland should be completed by next summer,

Calvin stated.

Winter is principal of Christ Lutheran school, 4333 Cleveland avenue. Following is the text of Winter's letter addressed to the editor:

This concerns Cleveland avenue between Hilltop road and Maiden lane.

The situation on Cleveland avenue seems to concern the citizens more than it does the county officials.

This road has been out of service for the better part of a year. The section involved is only about two miles long. For the past four years this section has ranged from fair to poor. Recently we lost the service of part of this road for one-half year when the bridge was put in.

The two alternate routes from the south, Washington and Red Arrow, have significant traffic volumes of their own. For the next few months we will have darker mornings and slipperier roads. The present traffic back-up on northbound Washington goes as far back as the dip at 7:45 a.m.

Many drivers swing into the southbound lane in an attempt to cut through the Hilltop Food store lot. The grocery store tried to prevent racing through the lot to westbound Hilltop by parking a truck across their drive.

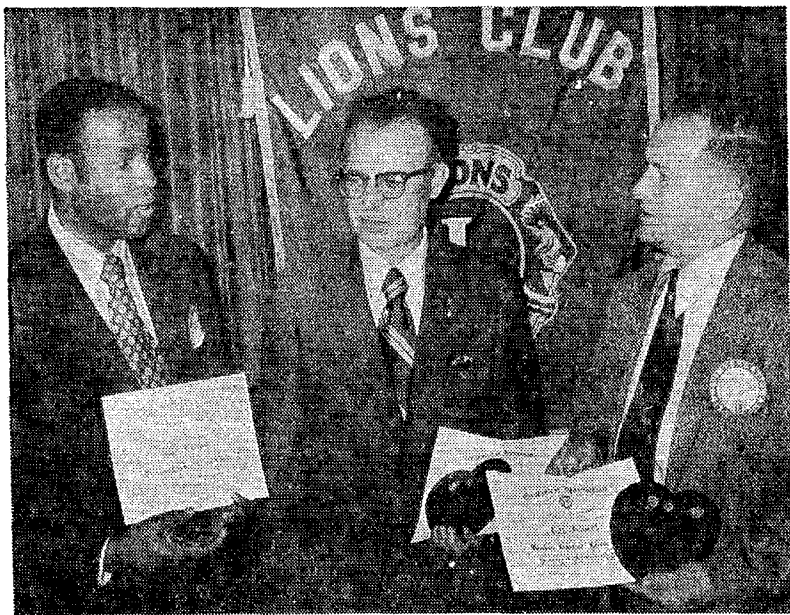
Believe it or not, some drivers actually drove across the walk at the front entrance. What help is available for this problem? Virtually none.

Hilltop road in the afternoons is a problem also, since it must



AFTERNOON TIE-UP: Corner of Hilltop road and Washington avenue, a four-way stop, creates traffic jams during morning and afternoon rush-hours as

motorists use Washington route to avoid unpaved Cleveland. View is down Washington toward Hilltop intersection.



'HAVE A HEART' AWARDS: The Benton Harbor Lions club yesterday presented three persons with "Have a Heart" awards for outstanding service to Benton Harbor. Awards program began in January, and one award is presented each month for citizens who "get involved" and help Benton Harbor. Shown with presentations are (from left): Mayor Charles Joseph of Benton Harbor, Clyde Stevens, and Bill Tolbert. Joseph accepted award for Mrs. Julia Barnes for her work in Kiddies Parade and Girl Scout program; Stevens was cited for his part in organizing club for blind, which lets blind persons know what services are available to them; and Tolbert received award for being director of Twin Cities Opportunity program and going to state prisons and helping inmates from Berrien county find jobs and homes when they are released. (Staff photo)

Tree Limb Snaps SJ Power Line

A tree limb broke a 69,000-volt Indiana and Michigan power transmission line early this morning and knocked out electricity for about an hour to some 2,500 homes in St. Joseph.

A spokesman for I & M said a limb snapped the transmission line in St. Joseph at the Langley avenue sub-station on Ann street at 1:49 a.m. Power was restored at 3:06 a.m.

Strong winds apparently caused the branch to break, he said. The outage affected two-thirds of I & M's customers in the northern portion of St. Joseph.

The Benton Harbor and St. Joseph public works departments reported no other storm damage.

Recorded rainfall yesterday ranged from .57 inch near Eau Claire to 1 inch in Sodus. Gusty winds were also reported throughout the area.

businesses can remain open.

Do they get a property tax break? I commend the residents for their patience.

Progress reports have been sketchy. Try calling the road commission for information. No one wants to take the responsibility on this delay. I've been referred to the contractor who in turn referred me to the road commission.

I realize that the Mackinac bridge took longer to build, but I can't think of any other project of such small propor-

tions that took so long. If this is as big a deal as it seems to be, we'd better have the governor cut the ribbon at the "Grand Opening."

Now there is a rumor that there will be no seal-coat or blacktop applied in 1973. Come

on, now! Tell me it isn't so!

I want to know and believe the public wants to find out:

—When will we have the service of Cleveland avenue?

—Whom do we thank for the present situation? Sincerely, (Ernest A. Winter)

Teen Arrested On Pot Charges

COLOMA — Richard Gary Abel, 18, route 3, US-33 North, Benton Harbor, was arrested by Coloma township police last night on charges of use and possession with intent to deliver marijuana.

Police Chief Jack Page said the arrest came in the wake of complaints that a man had been selling marijuana to Coloma high school students during lunch hour at the school.

Page said Abel was taken into custody on Paw Paw avenue about 6:45 p.m. after his car was stopped by two township officers for alleged defective equipment.

According to officers, a brass pipe, a partially burnt cigarette believed to be of marijuana, and several packets of suspected marijuana were confiscated in a search of the car and driver.

Pipestone Street To Remain Bumpy Several More Months

Motorists who travel Pipestone street in Benton Harbor will have to tolerate the chass-shaking into 1974.

City Manager Charles A. Morrison said resurfacing of Pipestone has been delayed because "the scope of the project is bigger than anticipated. It requires complete rebuilding instead of just resurfacing."

Pipestone, from Britain avenue to the city limits, originally was slated for resurfacing this fall.

But Morrison explained that engineers reported soil tests indicated that mere resurfacing would produce "a Pipestone street like we have now in two or three years."

The engineering firm of Conser Townsend &

Associates is now preparing specifications the rebuilding and widening.

Morrison said it looks like the city commission will be getting bids in late December.

"The reconstruction means more \$\$\$ than anticipated and puts in limbo projects like repaving of Britain and Broadway, Morrison said.

He explained the city has about \$450,000 in federal revenue sharing for public improvements and \$1 million worth of immediate needs.

But Morrison added that the city commission has indicated Pipestone should have a high priority.

Saw 'Fleets' In Mississippi Skies

Stevensville Woman UFO Believer

Mounting reports of UFO's have been bolstered by a Stevensville woman who said she and her husband saw entire fleets of the shiny objects in skies over Mississippi.

The report came Wednesday from Mrs. Thelma Redding of 420 Lakeshore drive, Stevensville, recently returned from a visit with her daughter near Meridian, Miss.

"I never believed in the reports of UFO's," said

Mrs. Redding. She does, now. Mrs. Redding said the objects appeared during the night over Mississippi, and some nights, she saw up to eight of them, at the same time. They drew plenty of discussion from residents there and in local newspapers, Mrs. Redding said.

Some were large, while others were small, and some moved with great speed, while others ambled slowly across the sky.

Mrs. Redding said the objects were lighted, mostly bluish, but some with green or yellow hues. Mrs. Redding said she and her husband, Earl, could see them, along with other residents, from shortly after dark, until as late as 11 p.m.

They were not planes or balloons. Mrs. Redding emphasized. She said the family en route home also saw one similar object, near Rantonn, Ill. What they were is apparently what they are—unidentified flying objects, described some years ago as flying saucers.

BERRIEN PIONEERING UNIQUE APPROACH

Special School Plan For Problem Children

BY BILL RUSH
Staff Writer

Bell-wether is a newly established special education program in Berrien county for children with moderately severe

development and adjustment problems.

The program is operated by the St. Joseph public schools in cooperation with the Berrien county Intermediate school dis-

trict and currently has 8 students enrolled in a classroom at Jefferson elementary school.

The children, ages 6 to 12, have normal or near normal intellectual potential but exhibit a variety of adjustment problems. These include: severe communication problems or lack of speech; aggression; attention spans of 5 minutes or less; problems with motor skills and visual perception; and a lack of academic readiness. One child is autistic.

Although the need for developing a Bell-wether type program was recognized by the Berrien Intermediate school district, impetus actually came from the state mandatory special education act which took effect this year. The act requires formal training for all children regardless of handicap. The program is supported by Berrien Intermediate school district and Michigan Department of Education categorical special education funds.

Bell-wether has a double meaning. One is the dictionary definition meaning to lead or to be in advance of. This refers to the program's uniqueness in the state. The other meaning is in recognition of Mrs. Elizabeth Bell, director of pre-school programs at Riverwood Mental Health center in St. Joseph.

The concept of the Bell-wether program was jointly developed by Mrs. Bell, who has pioneered many of its activities and had some of the children in her pre-school program; and by Dr. Gerhard Carlson, assistant director of special education for the Berrien Intermediate school district.

In the past, many of the Bell-wether children would have been in classes for the mentally retarded, Carlson said. The Bell-wether type of intensive special education program has usually only been connected with state hospitals such as Children's Psychiatric hospital in Ann Arbor, he said.

Bell-wether is unique in combining intensity of attention to children while allowing them to return home each day. Carlson said one program in the state he knows of that approaches the Bell-wether concept is the Lincoln school in Lansing.

The intensity is provided by a staff ratio of two adults for every three or four children. The staff also works closely with families to determine problem areas and objectives for development of the children.

The staff consists of: Debbie Darbee, special education teacher; Kathleen Vladic, half-time program coordinator; and Joan Weber and Kevin Hatfield, teacher aids. There are also several high school students from St. Joseph who do volunteer work with the class.

The daily schedule involves: a thinking activity such as the teacher reading a story and asking questions; motor activities such as dancing, cutting, or singing with body movement; a language activity such as reading words in product labels; listening, reading, and mathematics; crafts and free play.

Carlson said a strong point in the program is parent involvement. The staff focuses on how problems are manifested in the home and structures the classroom program individually so each child works at his level. The staff reviews the program at the end of each day as a basis for planning the next day's activities.

Activities are geared toward success for the children since often they have only "known failure," Mrs. Darbee said. There is also an emphasis on learning through the senses by sound, touch and smell, and on having the children work together.

In planning Bell-wether, Carlson said many programs were looked at including ones in

New York city and St. Louis. Surveys were also made of about 12 special education programs in the state. The philosophical basis of the program is behavior modifica-

tion and change rather than the causes of adjustment problems.

One of the children in Bell-wether is Veronica, 7, daughter of Mrs. Judith Konieczny of St. Joseph.

Veronica seems to take in what she wants to know, speaks in words but can't answer in sentences, and cannot read books but has been able to read product labels since she was

nearly three years old. Mrs. Konieczny said.

Veronica was once diagnosed as retarded but the Bell-wether staff has evidence to show that her abilities are much greater.

She also has had speech and hearing therapy and attended Mrs. Bell's pre-school program. Veronica seems to enjoy both school and group activity, her mother said.

Meeting Tonight At River Valley

THREE OAKS — A public meeting to discuss the Friday, Nov. 3 special millage election for River Valley schools will be held at 8 tonight at the high school library here.

The school is asking for approval of 1.824 mills for two years for school operations.

If approved, school officials say, it would raise the district's operation millage to 22 mills, the amount required to make the school eligible for maximum state aid.

Additional state aid would amount to \$70,000 and the extra-voted millage, if approved, would bring in another estimated \$88,000, school officials say.

The board set the millage election earlier this school year.



BELL-WETHER CLASS: A new special education class for Berrien county prompted by the state mandatory special education act has been in operation at Jefferson school in St. Joseph since September. There are 8 children with a variety of development and adjustment problems in the class. The children were

selected after referrals from schools and other agencies. Participating with several of the Bell-wether children in a classroom activity are from left, facing camera: Joan Weber, teacher aid; Debbie Darbee, special education teacher; and Kathleen Vladic, half-time program coordinator.

Will Erect \$100,000 Headquarters

Realtors Unworried About Erosion

BY DICK DERRICK
SJ City Editor

"We have complete confidence in the shoreline of Lake Michigan," said Walter Stefan, president of the Southwestern Michigan Board of Realtors, at ground breaking ceremonies for

a new building to house the local Realtor group.

"You might say we are putting up a \$100,000 bet that the shoreline is still a good buy," Stefan added, that being the cost of construction. The new site is located just across the

street from the Lake Michigan bluff on Lake Shore drive, 400 feet south of Hilltop road in St. Joseph.

The highway in the area is protected from the lake by a seawall constructed by the Michigan Department of State

Highways.

Stefan described the new building as being a "contemporary" bi-level design and said it will be constructed of all brick veneer exterior with all natural wood interior. The 4,000 square foot building is being built by

Robert Brown, contractor of St. Joseph and should be ready for occupancy within three months.

Also taking part in the ground breaking were Tom Totzke, Totzke Real Estate, president of the Multiple Listing System of Southwestern Michigan; and Florian Beles of Berrien Real Estate, St. Joseph, president of Associated Mortgage Co. Both organizations are part of the Southwestern Michigan Board of Realtors Inc.

Membership in the local Board of Realtors covers Berrien, Van Buren and Cass counties and has grown to just under 400 individuals and real estate offices.

Helicopter Display At South Haven

SOUTH HAVEN — A helicopter from the Army's 101st Airborne division based at Ft. Campbell, Ky. is scheduled for an aerial exhibition and ground display Friday at 10 a.m. on the athletic field near the L.C. Mohr high school.

The program is part of an Army recruiting effort according to Sgt. Marion Ingram of the South Haven recruiting station.

The helicopter, a Huey gunship and troop carrier, will stage a repelling exercise before landing. The exercise is staged by a four-man team that exits the helicopter by rope while it is still airborne.

The helicopter will be available for inspection for approximately an hour according to Ingram.



RAINDROPS ON REALTORS: Many of the realty firms in Southwestern Michigan had representatives at groundbreaking ceremonies for new \$100,000 Board of Realtors headquarters scheduled for Lake Shore drive, St. Joseph, near Hilltop road. It was raining too hard to go through traditional digging process. Heads of allied groups are from

left: Florian Beles, president of Associated Mortgage Group; Lillian Rill, executive officer of Multiple Listing System; Walter Stefan, president of Southwestern Michigan Board of Realtors; and Tom Totzke, president of Multiple Listing System. (Staff Photo)

Smiley Successor Selection Nov. 15

By GARRETT DeGRAFF
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — The three-man committee selecting a new Van Buren county drain commissioner has set Nov. 15 for a meeting to make the appointment, according to Van Buren Clerk Charles MacDonald, one of the committee.

The November meeting was scheduled during a preliminary

meeting of the committee yesterday morning. MacDonald said.

He said the two-week period would allow time for people interested in the job to "make their interest known."

County Prosecutor William Buhl and Probate Judge Meyer Warshawsky are the other committee members.

The drain commissioner's post was left vacant last week with the death of long-time commissioner Glenn W. Smiley.

Students Aided At Andrews U.

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Seventeen major scholarships of over \$900 each have been awarded students at Andrews university, according to Dr. Gordon Madgwick, dean. The 17 scholarships total \$23,300.

Six of the grants were \$2,000 Charles E. Weniger fellowships, named for a former dean of the School of Graduate Studies. Recipients are Kurt Bangert, West Germany; Stephen Bohr, Chicago, Ill.; Robert Bouchard, Bronx, N.Y.; Kathy Friedrich, Aurora, Ill.; Jerry Mortensen, Ceres, Calif.; and Summer Peasley, Jamestown, N.Y.

Other major scholarships included Alban Bacchus, St. Vincent, West Indies, \$900; Harvey Brenneise, Mountain View, Calif., \$1,200; Mary Burton, Amarillo, Tex., \$1,500; Joan Francis, Barbados, West Indies, \$1,000; Patricia Horning, Hollister, Calif., \$1,000;

Also, Carolyn Lanfear, Millington, Mich., \$900; John Ombiga, Los Angeles, Calif., \$900; Ken Seleske, Clarendon Hills, Ill., \$900; Brian Strayer, Union Springs, N.Y., \$1,200; Peter Trepper, Cincinnati, N.J., \$900; and David Wohlers, Holly, Mich., \$900.

Troopers Seeking Collective Bargaining Amendment

The Michigan State Police Troopers association (MSPTA) today launched a state-wide petition drive to change the Michigan Constitution to allow collective bargaining for state police troopers and sergeants.

The proposed amendment applies only to the method of setting wages, fringe benefits, and similar items and would not take troopers and sergeants out of the Michigan Civil Service.

Submitting a petition does not necessarily mean the signer agrees

with the MSPTA, it only means he would like to see the issue placed on the ballot of the Nov. 5, 1974 general election.

Trooper George Tiernan, MSPTA representative for the Benton Harbor post, said the organization needs 300,000 signatures to have the issue placed on the ballot. He said representatives from Fraternal Order of Police lodges and other interested groups, in addition to MSPTA representatives, will be canvassing the area to get signatures.

Tiernan said a starting trooper currently gets \$10,064, and can go as high as \$13,500. A sergeant starts at about \$14,000, and can go up to \$14,636.

Gene L. Wrigglesworth, president of MSPTA, said a recent survey of 60 public police agencies in Michigan revealed troopers are 34th in pay compared to the other agencies, and over \$2,000 a year below the top salaried policemen in Michigan.

A five-year salary comparison of 45 local police agencies indicates local police salaries have increased an average of 48 per cent, compared to troopers' salary increases of 35 per cent, he said.

Tiernan added that the MSPTA does not believe police have the right to strike, and does not approve of walkouts or "Blue Flu" techniques. He said the petition drive was a constructive method of change within the law.